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Attorney Docket No. 80001	
First Inventor L. Cannon	
Title	System and Method for Counting Ridges in a Captured Print Image
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- Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)
- Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
- Specification [Total Pages 31]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the Invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (*if filed*)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
- Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 9]
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(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
- Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76.
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 - a. Computer Readable Form (CRF)
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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

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11. English Translation Document (*if applicable*)
12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations
13. Preliminary Amendment
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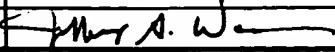
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Appl. No. To be assigned; Filed: August 1, 2003
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Inventors: Cannon *et al.*
Our Ref: 1823.0680001

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. PTO Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17);
2. PTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/05);
3. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

System and Method for Counting Ridges in a Captured Print Image

and naming as inventors:

**Gregory L. Cannon
David C. Smith**

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the application consisting of:

- a. An Application Data Sheet (37 C.F.R. § 1.76);
- b. A specification containing:
 - i. 22 pages of description prior to the claims;
 - ii. 8 pages of claims (34 claims); and
 - iii. a one (1) page abstract;
- c. 2 sheets of drawings (Figures 1, 2A-2D, 3-8);

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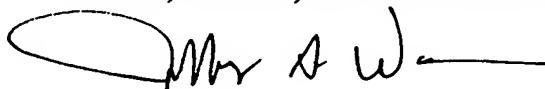
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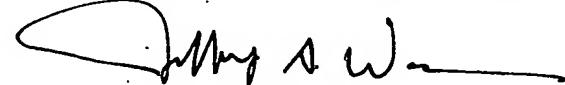
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